

Lake Hawthorn makes waves

Denika Anderson

CABARITA'S Lake Hawthorn was the main attraction at the Make the Lake event over the weekend, with at least 500 people attending throughout the day.

Event organiser Kim Trigg said it was great seeing such a positive turnout, particularly from young families who were new to the area.

"There was a lot of excitement and good feedback, I've already gotten questions from people asking about when the next event will be," she said.

"The older generation understandably are quite frustrated, but these new families seem very interested in helping to look after the land and ensuring its place as an important part of our community.

"Our focus this year was very much on that land-based habitat, we're very well-known for our birds so it's about how to

make sure the area is kept green and that we're looking after it as the population grows around it."

Ms Trigg said that future iterations of Make the Lake may be based off different themes, or occur bi-annually, though ideas for the next event were already being considered.

"It takes a fair bit of organising and we're only a small committee so there are aspects that would be a bit easier if we had a bigger volunteer base but we had some good engagement over the weekend," she said. "The art-based events are quite a favourite and they really broaden the scope of what we're trying to achieve, of turning Lake Hawthorn into a beloved asset of the region.

"As an organisation we're always trying to get the community engaging with the space and taking these small steps to move towards something really positive."



Caitlin Serato, 11, was one of the singers at the event.



Lynn Brown and Brett Wilkinson check out the art on display.

Cabarita Make the Lake event organiser Kim Trigg.

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Joanna Kolevris from the University of Sydney is conducting a research project about the lake.



Josh Ronald, 10, checks out some of the newly planted trees.



Jon Szabo won first prize for his image of Psyche Pumps.



Ken Knight helps Jenny Glibert pick some trees.



Samira Mawaheb, 9, writes down what the lake means to her.



Meg Arney with donated trees from Greening Mildura.



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